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Human rights commission meets with concerned groups over vandalism (08/07/16)

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FREDERICTON (CNB) - The New Brunswick Human Rights Commission met with concerned Moncton groups today to discuss how best to respond to offensive graffiti that has recently appeared on several Moncton establishments.

(Multimedia)

"The members of the human rights commission are very concerned about these incidents," said Gordon Porter, chair of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission.

"They are totally unacceptable, and they are at odds with the values that Monctonians and New Brunswickers share. We want to ensure that everyone feels safe in New Brunswick and that they know that the commission is there to guarantee them equal access to housing, employment, education and other public services."

The commission met with representatives of the Tiferes Israel Synagogue; the Moncton Mosque; the Multicultural Association of the Greater Moncton Area; and members of the City of Moncton's Committee on Cultural Affairs and Heritage.

"One of the commission's educational priorities is to link human rights and population growth," Porter added. "Our human rights record is part of what makes Canada and New Brunswick attractive to immigrants. Human rights protections against discrimination, harassment and bullying also play a major role in what makes immigrants and other minorities feel that they can belong here and can fully participate in our communities."

To develop the immigration focus of its educational program, the commission has met with a number of multicultural associations in New Brunswick and has delivered training to Multicultural Association of the Greater Moncton Area and other groups.

"The commission is interested in partnering with multicultural and other groups and the Population Growth Secretariat to promote New Brunswick as a place where immigrants can feel welcome," Porter said. "Education is a key part of making this happen."

For more information, visit the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission website.

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